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Title : Regarding Turnkey contract for Rural Electrification in Kerala.

SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR (OTTAPALAM): Sir, it is a matter of grave concern that the Government is introducing privatization in rural electrification projects in the State of Kerala by offering big turnkey projects on large scale. Thus the Government is encouraging private capital investments at the cost of small entrepreneurs and such projects are strongly opposed as anti-people. Hence, it should be stopped immediately and these projects should be distributed among small scale rural contractors so as to limit the cost overrun for the project.

Similarly, the franchise for collection of electricity bills should not be franchised as it will open doors for privatisation. The above move of the Government will help big contractors only and will affect small rural contractors and hence should be stopped immediately.